

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 WARSAW 02869 090851Z

14-11

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SAJ-01 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00

PA-01 USIA-06 PRS-01 SP-02 /031 W

----- 075418

R 090704Z MAY 75

FM AMEMBASSY WARSAW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4859

C O N F I D E N T I A L WARSAW 2869

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PL

SUBJECT: REORGANIZATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

REF: WARSAW 2577

1. THE MAY 7 WARSAW PRESS ANNOUNCED THAT A CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM HAS BEEN CALLED FOR MAY 12 "DEDICATED TO DISCUSSING THE DIRECTIONS FOR THE FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN THE FUNCTIONING OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND ADMINISTRATIONS." THE BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT ADDS THAT INFORMATION ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND THE FOREIGN POLICY OF POLAND WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED.

2. COMMENT: A NUMBER OF CONVERSATIONS WE HAVE HAD WITH POLISH OFFICIALS AND JOURNALISTS DURING THE PAST WEEK HAVE CONFIRMED THE INFORMATION REPORTED IN REFTEL. ALTHOUGH ALMOST ALL SOURCES AGREE THAT THE REORGANIZATION IS NEEDED AND MAKES SENSE FROM A CONCEPTUAL POINT OF VIEW. THEY SPLIT ABOUT EVENLY BETWEEN OPTIMISTS AND PESSIMISTS WITH REGARD TO THE EFFECTS OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION. THE OPTIMISTS, WHO HAVE TENDED TO BE THOSE WHO ARE POLITICALLY CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH GIEREK (FOR EXAMPLE, ONE IN THIS CATEGORY WITH WHOM WE SPOKE WAS TRYBUNA LUDU EDITOR-IN-CHIEF BARECKI), SAY THAT THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN CAREFULLY PREPARED AND WILL BE SMOOTHLY IMPLEMENTED. THE PESSIMISTS PREDICT A CHAOTIC MESS FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, POSSIBLY LONGER, AND COMPLAIN THAT THE

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 WARSAW 02869 090851Z

PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN CAREFULLY THOUGHT OUT OR ADEQUATELY

PREPARED.

3. ALMOST EVERYONE AGREES THAT, HAVING TESTED THE WATER AND FOUND THE OPPOSITION NOT YET CRYSTALLIZED, GIEREK DECIDED TO MOVE SWIFTLY. BARECKI ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE WAS OPPOSITION, "WHERE YOU WOULD EXPECT IT, IN THE THREATENED WOJEWODZTWO BUREACURACIES," BUT CLAIMED WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FOR THE PLAN. AS PEOPLE BEGIN TO FOCUS ON THE LARGE NUMBER OF HUMAN PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM THE TRANSFER TO NEW LOCALITIES OF DISMISSAL OF REPORTEDLY AS MANY AS 100,000 LOCAL PARTY AND GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS AND INEVITABLE CONFUSION RESULTING FROM THE TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS FROM THE OLD ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS TO THE NEW ONES, OPPOSITION, OR AT LEAST WIDESPREAD GRUMBLING, WILL PROBABLY DEVELOP. BY THAT TIME. HOWEVER, PARTY OFFICIALS AND RANK-AND-FILE AT ALL LEVELS WILL HAVE RECEIVED THEIR MARCHING ORDERS FROM THE MAY 12 PLENUM AND THE NECESSARY LEGISLATIVE ACTION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY FOLLOW VERY SWIFTLY. PERHAPS THE IMPLEMENTATION WILL NOT BE PRESSED AT A FORCED PACE ONCE THE POLITICAL DIE HAS BEEN CAST. NEVERTHELESS, THIS PROMISES TO BE AN ACTIVE SUMMER FOR POLAND'S PARTY AND GOVERNMENTAL BUREAUCRATS. DAVIES

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: REORGANIZATION, POLITICAL PARTIES, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 09 MAY 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: SmithRJ
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975WARSAW02869
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750162-1057
From: WARSAW
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750564/aaaacghe.tel
Line Count: 84
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 WARSAW 2577
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: SmithRJ
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09 JUN 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <09 JUN 2003 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <20 OCT 2003 by SmithRJ>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: REORGANIZATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
TAGS: PINT, PL
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006